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Fiscal Note

SF 2323 - Criminal Code Task Force (LSB 6034 SV)

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Description

Senate File 2323 creates a Criminal Code Revisions Task Force to study and propose revisions to the Criminal Code, including establishing greater uniformity and proportionality among criminal penalties, clarifying and removing conflicting provisions, and reorganizing Chapters to enhance the overall readability. The Task Force will consist of 29 members and a report with recommendations is to be filed with the General Assembly by December 15, 2007.

Background

The last major Criminal Code revision was accomplished in four years (1969 - 1972). The new Code was enacted in SF 85, Acts of the 66th General Assembly (1976), with an effective date of January 1, 1978. During this revision, the Committee regrouped offenses under general headings, ranked the offenses according to class, and determined the maximum penalty for each offense class. The Iowa Crime Commission obtained a \$5,000 federal grant for the planning phase during the 1969 interim. At least two additional grants, each in the amount of \$50,000, were applied for and obtained for the project through January 1, 1973. Matching funds were required in the proportion of 60.0% federal funds, 40.0% State funds.

Assumptions

1. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division would require \$125,000 and 1.5 FTE positions to provide research, planning, and overall coordination of effort.
2. The Division would require \$50,000 to support task force meetings, office expenses, and contract services for consultation and technical assistance.
3. The Division is anticipating the Legislative Services Agency staff will be available for this task force to provide legal, fiscal, and code editing research and support as needed. Staff time for research and support is estimated to cost approximately \$75,000 in FY 2007 and \$25,000 in FY 2008.
4. The Task Force will be disbanded on December 15, 2007, when the final report is issued.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact for SF 2323 is approximately \$250,000 for FY 2007 and \$112,500 in FY 2008. State costs could be reduced if grant money became available.

Source

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